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## Characters



Kyoto in the 12th century. A bandit named Yamato encounters a mysterious man named Dunstan and two Karakuri Dôji dolls who embody good and evil.

West Tokyo in the 21st Century. Yamato is reborn and reencounters the good dôji Ultimo. When his good friend Rune becomes master to the evil dôji Jealousy, the two clash and the Hundred Machine Funeral—the ultimate battle between good and evil that Dunstan has been plotting—erupts. Yamato turns back time to the day he met Ultimo so he can fix everything that went wrong, and then, in order to know more about Rune's past, he jumps even further into the past...

## The Story Thus Far





KARAKURIDÔJI

# ULTIMO 5

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...BUT I  
CAN DO  
SOMETHING  
SPECIAL  
THAT I  
NEVER  
BRAG  
ABOUT.

IT'S  
NEVER  
BEEN  
A BIG  
DEAL...



...BETTER  
THAN ANY  
WRISTWATCH  
COULD  
EVER  
TELL ME.

MY STOMACH  
KNOWS WHAT  
TIME IT IS...

I CAN  
ONLY STAY  
HERE 12  
HOURS.

I TOLD  
YOU NO  
TREATS IF  
YOU DON'T  
GET HOME  
BY THREE.

PM 3:02

THAT'S  
A NOH  
POWER  
I GOT  
FROM  
MY MOM  
WHEN I  
WAS JUST  
A KID.

THAT  
MEANS  
I'VE  
GOT 60  
MINUTES  
LEFT!

SUPPOSE  
IT TAKES  
THREE  
HOURS TO  
GET TO  
THAT HILL  
WHERE  
ULTI IS  
WAITING...

I SLEPT  
WHILE  
ULTI WAS  
IN FLIGHT,  
SO I'M NOT  
TIRED.

THEN BUY  
ME A  
WATCH!!



...I'LL  
KNOW  
EVERY-  
THING  
ABOUT  
IRUMA'S  
PAST!

IN ONE  
HOUR...

ACT 17  
TIME TRAVELER YAMATO—PART II



EVEN IF  
I LEFT  
NOW I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
IF I'D  
MAKE IT  
BACK...

THIS IS  
BAD...



...HOW CAN  
I FIND  
IRUMA  
WHEN I'M  
LOST?!!

I WISH  
I COULD  
SAY FOR  
SURE...



GYAAAAH

GAH



IRUMA?!!



YOUR  
MAKEUP'S  
BACK!!!

THIS  
MESS?!

YOU'VE  
COME AT  
JUST THE  
RIGHT  
TIME.

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
WAITING  
FOR?

SURELY  
DEAD  
BODIES  
ARE NO  
STRANGE  
SIGHT  
FOR YOU.

HELP ME  
CLEAN UP  
THIS MESS.





...IS BUT  
PREPARATION  
FOR WHEN  
I BECOME  
*MIKADO*.

THERE  
WILL  
BE NO  
INCOMPE-  
TENCE  
IN *MY*  
GOVERN-  
MENT.

MY  
MAKEUP...

?!

...HOW  
INCOMPETENT  
PEOPLE ARE,  
THE MORE I  
LOATHE THEM.

AND THE  
MORE I  
LEARN...

WHY?!

MIKADO  
?!!

BECAUSE  
I *KNOW*.

THEY ARE ALL  
FOOLS WHO  
FOLLOW THE  
HERD IN  
CHOOSING THAT  
INCOMPETENT  
MIKADO INSTEAD  
OF COMPETENT  
*ME...*

ADJUSTING  
TO TODAY  
RATHER THAN  
BELIEVING IN  
THE *FUTURE...*

THE WILL  
OF MANY  
RATHER THAN  
ONE'S *OWN*  
WILL...

INCOMPETENT  
OFFICIALS WHO  
THINK ONLY OF  
STATUS FOOL THE  
INCOMPETENT  
MASSES.

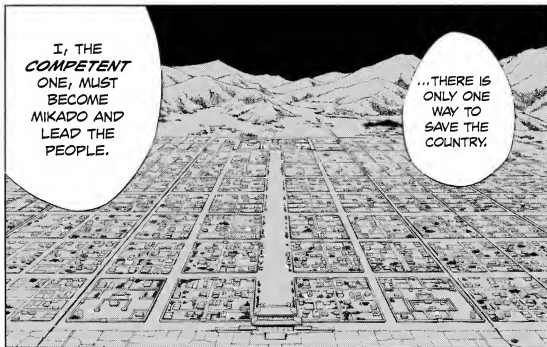


THAT'S  
JUST LIKE  
WHAT HE  
SAID IN  
MY TIME!



I, THE  
*COMPETENT*  
ONE, MUST  
BECOME  
MIKADO AND  
LEAD THE  
PEOPLE.

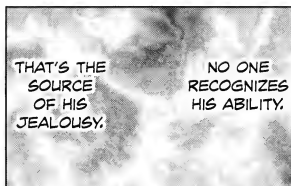
...THERE IS  
ONLY ONE  
WAY TO  
SAVE THE  
COUNTRY.





I GET  
IT NOW.

ARGH...



THAT'S THE  
SOURCE  
OF HIS  
JEALOUSY.

NO ONE  
RECOGNIZES  
HIS ABILITY.

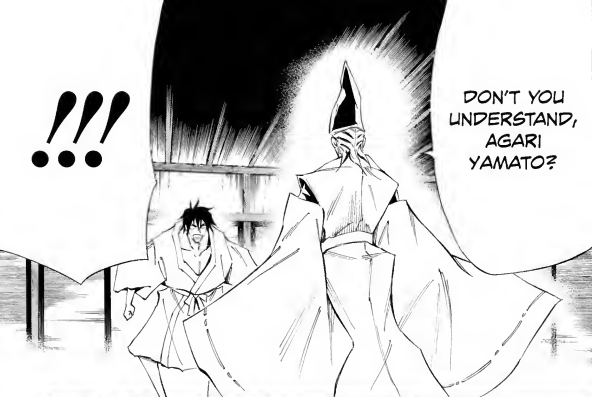


THAT'S NO  
EXCUSE!

YOU WERE  
SO NICE  
EARLIER!



THEN,  
EVEN THE  
STUPIDEST  
FOOL WILL  
HAVE TO  
RECOGNIZE  
MY ABILITY.



DON'T YOU  
UNDERSTAND,  
AGARI  
YAMATO?



HE  
SAID MY  
NAME!



BUT IF  
YOU'RE TOO  
STUPID TO  
SEE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY,  
THEN YOU  
WILL BE OF  
NO USE  
AT ALL.



YOU CAME  
FROM THE  
FUTURE TO  
LEARN MY  
SECRETS.  
OR SO I  
HEAR.



...

I HOPED  
YOUR  
ABILITY  
WOULD BE  
USEFUL.

KILL HIM,  
AND WE  
SHALL  
REWRITE  
OUR  
FUTURE.

KILL  
HIM,  
JEAL-  
OUSY.





AS YOU  
WISH...

...  
MASTER.

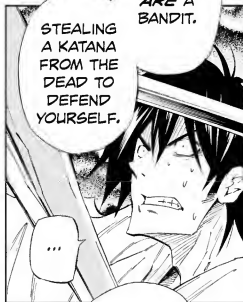


DISGUSTING  
...

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
THAT IN THE  
FUTURE THIS  
BOY DECEIVES  
ME INTO  
ALMOST  
TAKING THE  
PLEDGE WITH  
HIM...



UH-  
OH!





WITHOUT  
YOUR DÔJI,  
YOU DO NOT  
STAND A  
CHANCE.  
YOU CAN'T  
DEFEND  
YOURSELF  
AGAINST...



OH...

YOU'RE  
RIGHT...





I'M  
SUCH AN  
IDIOT...

WHY DID MY  
FIRST SPACE-TIME  
DESTINATION HAVE  
TO BE WHERE  
JEALOUSY IS?  
JEALOUSY CAN  
READ HEARTS!



NOW I'LL  
NEVER  
MAKE IT  
BACK TO  
ULTI...

HE  
RAN ME  
THROUGH  
...

LINH!  
HURTS  
...





SORRY,  
SAYAMA.



...  
WORLD  
ANNIHILATION  
WILL COME  
TRUE AGAIN  
...

I'LL  
NEVER  
MAKE  
IT  
BACK  
TO THE  
FUTURE  
...



GRAAH!!!

BECAUSE I  
AM GOING  
TO CHANGE  
THE WORLD!







THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
JEALOUSY.

SO  
PLEASE,  
FOR MY  
SAKE,  
LET THIS  
GO.

I WOULD  
PREFER TO  
AVOID THAT.

...BECAUSE HE  
WOULD HAVE TO  
RECALCULATE THE  
PRECISE SELECTION  
OF MASTERS AND  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
DŌJI THROUGHOUT  
SPACE-TIME.

...BUT THAT  
WOULD  
CAUSE NO  
SMALL AMOUNT  
OF TROUBLE  
FOR THE  
DOCTOR...

YOU CAN  
TRY TO  
CHANGE  
HISTORY  
IF YOU  
WANT...





MAKING A  
WHOLE NEW  
DŌJI WOULD  
BE MUCH LESS  
TROUBLE FOR  
THE DOCTOR.

IF YOU  
DON'T,  
THEN I  
DON'T  
MIND  
BREAKING  
YOU.

...

MILIEU...

BUT THEN,  
MASTER'S  
ORDER...



TIME  
MANIPULATION  
HAS STOPPED  
TIME FOR HIM  
AND EVERYTHING  
AROUND US.

AND MEMORY  
MANIPULATION  
CAN MAKE IT  
AS IF NOTHING  
EVER HAPPENED.  
EVERYTHING WILL  
WORK OUT  
PERFECTLY.



DON'T  
WORRY,  
JEALOUSY.

!



THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO RUSH.  
RIGHT,  
MR. YAMATO?

ANYWAY,  
YOU WILL ALL  
SETTLE THIS  
SOON ENOUGH.

**DADDOON**

WE MEET  
AGAIN.  
HOW HAVE  
YOU BEEN,  
MR. YAMATO?

OJIGI

DUNSTAN!!!

D...

D...

D...

YOU WERE  
INJURED,  
WEREN'T  
YOU, BOY?

MY  
STOMACH  
!!!

D...



I FIXED  
IT WHILE  
TIME IS  
STOPPED.

CORPOREAL  
CONTROL.

WHAT?!



IT  
HEALED!



THEN  
THAT MUST  
MEAN...

THEN...



WHY SO  
SURPRISED?

I MADE  
ALL THE  
DÔJI,  
DIDN'T I?

...YOU WENT  
ON A JOURNEY  
ACROSS TIME  
TO GET TO  
KNOW ALL  
THE MASTERS  
AND DŌJI  
...

AND  
YET...

...THAT I  
CANNOT  
USE.

THERE  
ISN'T A  
SINGLE  
NOH...



...TO DEFEAT  
ME AND STOP  
THE HUNDRED  
MACHINE  
FUNERAL.





I LIKE  
THAT.

**ZOOH**

AFTER ALL,  
I MADE THE  
DÔJI IN ORDER  
TO KNOW WHICH  
IS STRONGER,  
GOOD OR EVIL.

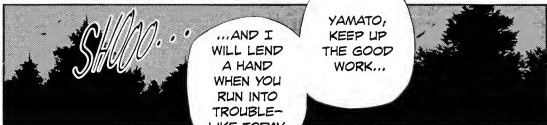
TO  
KNOW  
...

...IS A  
WONDERFUL  
THING.



THAT  
ALONE  
MAKES IT  
WORTH  
GIVING  
HIM TO  
YOU.

THE MORE YOU  
RUN AROUND,  
THE MORE ULTI  
WILL REACH EVEN  
GREATER HEIGHTS  
OF GOODNESS.



*SHOO...*

...AND I  
WILL LEND  
A HAND  
WHEN YOU  
RUN INTO  
TROUBLE-  
LIKE TODAY.

YAMATO,  
KEEP UP  
THE GOOD  
WORK...





WHO  
DO  
YOU  
THINK  
YOU  
ARE?!

YOU  
JUST  
GO  
ON  
AND  
ON.

WH!  
UP

WHAT  
ARE  
*GOOD*  
AND  
*EVIL*,  
ANYWAY?

DON'T  
GET  
UPPITY  
JUST  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
HELPED  
ME!

AGARI  
YAMATO!

Up



...BUT YOU  
GAVE HIM  
JEALOUSY  
AND IT  
BROUGHT  
OUT THE  
EVIL IN  
HIM.

IRUMA WAS  
AWESOME  
EARLIER...



...ALL FOR  
YOUR STUPID  
EXPERIMENT!

YOU  
TURNED  
HIM  
EVIL...



...BUT NOW  
I KNOW  
WHAT ECO  
AND THOSE  
OTHER GUYS  
WERE ALL  
TALKING  
ABOUT.

I NEVER  
UNDERSTOOD...

AND  
YOU'RE  
THE  
WORST,  
DUNSTAN  
!!!

SOME-  
ONE WHO  
CALLS  
OTHER  
PEOPLE  
EVIL IS  
EVIL!

WHOOSE

YOU  
DON'T  
MAKE  
ANY  
SENSE!

HA!  
HA!  
HA!

THEN *YOU*  
ARE EVIL  
FOR CALLING  
*ME* EVIL,  
MR. YAMATO.



SENSE, NO  
MATTER HOW  
SOPHISTICATED,  
IS ALL JUST  
WORDS.

OF  
COURSE  
NOT!



...CAN ONLY  
FACE THEIR  
TRUE NATURE  
WHEN FACING  
EXTREME  
*CONFLICT.*

HUMANS...



THAT IS  
WHY I  
PLACE  
GOOD AND  
EVIL IN  
OPPOSITION.

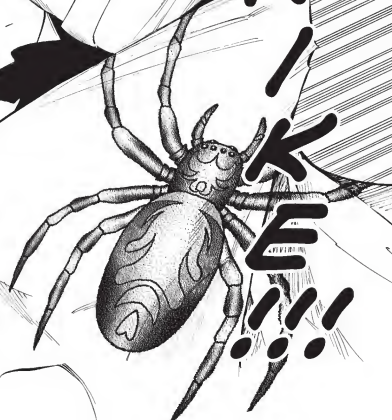
WHAP

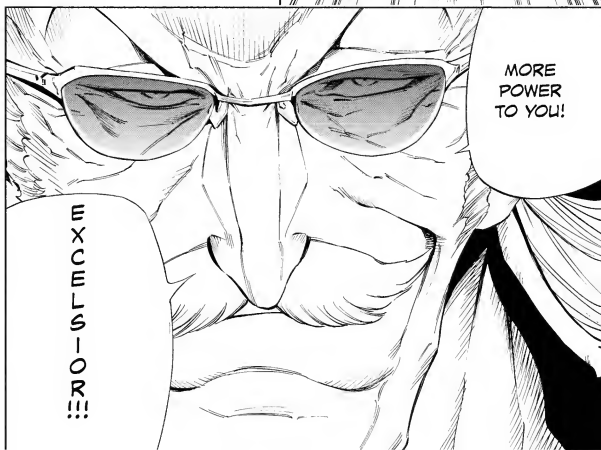
SO  
STRONG

...FOR  
JUST ONE  
PUNCH!

POW!

D  
U  
N  
S  
T  
R  
I  
K  
E  
!!!





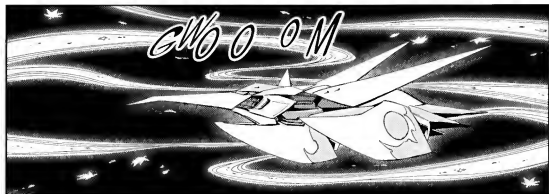


...IS REALLY  
STRONG!!!

THAT  
OLD  
MAN...



BONK



GO O O M



WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOUR  
FACE?

ULTIMO

MASTER?



BUT...  
ULTI?

YES?

BUT IT'S  
SWOLLEN!

NOTHING.

I SAID IT'S  
NOTHING!



BUT HE  
*MADE*  
YOU.

WE'RE  
FIGHTING  
TO DEFEAT  
DUNSTAN.



ULTIMO



WHEN  
THE TIME  
COMES...

...WILL YOU  
FIGHT ON  
MY SIDE?





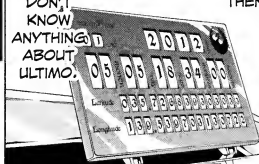
ONCE A  
DOJI TAKES  
THE PLEDGE,  
HE MUST OBEY  
UNTIL HE  
FULFILLS HIS  
PURPOSE.

HOW  
CAN YOU  
ASK THAT?  
OF COURSE  
I WILL!

NO MATTER  
WHO WE FACE,  
ULTI IS YOUR  
PAGE.

...I STILL  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
ULTIMO.

BUT  
THEN...



UNTIL YOU  
FULFILL YOUR  
PURPOSE...

...  
HUH?



TO AVOID  
WARPING  
SPACE-TIME,  
TIME MUST  
PROGRESS  
NORMALLY,  
SO...

YES.

SO?

ARE YOU  
TAKING ME  
BACK TO THE  
PRESENT  
NOW, ULTI?



...WE RETURN  
TO THE EXACT  
MOMENT YOU  
LEFT.



IT SEEMS  
YOU HAVE  
COMPLETED  
YOUR  
SPACE-TIME  
TRAVELS  
SAFELY.

HELLO,  
YAMATO.

HM?

...

I'LL  
CLEAN UP  
IRUMA AND  
JEALOUSY.

LEAVE THE  
REST TO ME.  
YOU SHOULD  
REST AWHILE.

MURAYAMA  
?!!



*KARAKURIDÔJI*  
**ULTIMO**

YAMATO'S  
LATE.

HMM...

WE WERE  
SUPPOSED  
TO MEET HERE  
AT SIX FOR  
SAYAMA'S  
PARTY...

(TANASU STATION  
NORTH ENTRANCE)

MAYBE HE  
FORGOT AND  
WENT ON  
AHEAD!

GASP

THIS HAS ALL  
HAPPENED  
BEFORE,  
AND MORE  
THAN ONCE.

We've  
been  
waiting!

GACK

You're  
late,  
Rune!

HE  
COULD'VE  
...

ACT 18 YAMATO IN TROUBLE







ACT 18  
YAMATO IN TROUBLE



...AND THEN USE  
REGULA'S NOH-  
MEMORY  
MANIPULATION-  
TO MAKE IT AS IF  
NOTHING EVER  
HAPPENED.

THE ONLY  
SOLUTION-  
DEFEAT  
THEM...



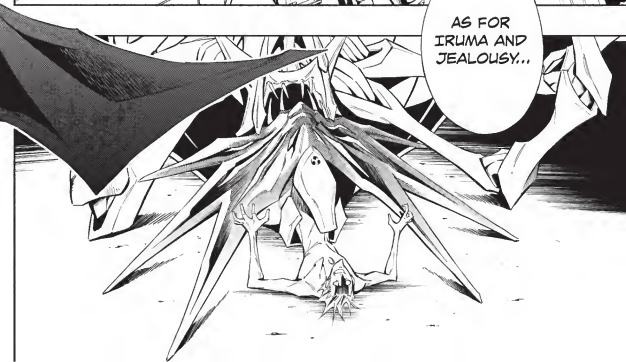
...I WILL  
*CLEAN UP.*



LEAVE THE  
REST TO ME.  
YOU SHOULD  
REST AWHILE.

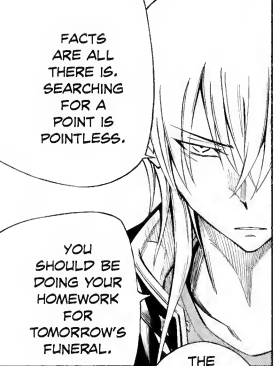
HELLO,  
YAMATO.

IT SEEMS  
YOU HAVE  
COMPLETED  
YOUR  
SPACE-TIME  
TRAVELS  
SAFELY.



AS FOR  
IRUMA AND  
JEALOUSY...





FACTS  
ARE ALL  
THERE IS.  
SEARCHING  
FOR A  
POINT IS  
POINTLESS.

YOU  
SHOULD BE  
DOING YOUR  
HOMEWORK  
FOR  
TOMORROW'S  
FUNERAL.



...

THE  
HUNDRED  
MACHINE  
FUNERAL  
IS NOW A  
**CERTAIN**  
FUTURE  
OPTION.



...YOU MUST  
REFRAIN  
FROM ANY  
UNNECESSARY  
EMOTIONAL  
INVOLVEMENT.

UNLESS YOU  
WANT YOUR  
RESEARCH TO  
GO TO WASTE  
AND MORE  
INNOCENTS  
TO FALL INTO  
JEALOUSY'S  
CLUTCHES...

HE  
OPENED  
UP?!!  
AND THAT  
REALLY IS  
MURAYAMA!

GAAAH!

WHAT'S  
THAT?!!

I WILL  
CLEAN  
UP.



神  
虎

ICON

...GOD  
SOPHIA  
!!!

WEE



I'LL  
STOP  
YOU!!!

ARGH!!

...ALL  
TRANCE  
!!!

NOH  
...

NOH  
POWER  
FULL  
THROTTLE  
!!!

INCAPACITATE  
THE ENEMY!  
SEIZE CONTROL  
OF HIS SENSES!  
MANIPULATE...





NO! WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT?!

YOU  
WANT  
TO  
DIE?!

FOOL!

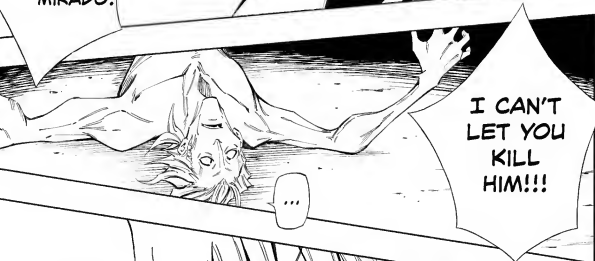




BACK IN  
THE PAST  
HE WAS ALL  
ALONE...

...  
PUTTING  
UP WITH  
THAT  
IDIOT  
MIKADO!

IRUMA  
USED  
TO BE A  
GOOD  
GUY!!!



I CAN'T  
LET YOU  
KILL  
HIM!!!

...YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
SO...

YAMATO...



HEH  
HEH!





THAT  
IS WHY  
I PLACE  
GOOD  
AND  
EVIL IN  
OPPOSITION.

**DUNSTRIKER**  
HUMANS  
CAN ONLY  
FACE THEIR  
TRUE NATURE  
WHEN FACING  
EXTREME  
**CONFLICT.**

SENSE  
IS ALL  
JUST  
WORDS.



ON YOUR FIRST  
SPACE-TIME  
JOURNEY...

I KNOW  
YOU.

...THERE IS  
NO WAY  
YOU COULD  
COME BACK  
UNSCATHED  
AGAINST  
JEALOUSY.

THAT  
OLD MAN  
HELPED  
YOU.



NO...

...YOU  
**ALREADY**  
KNEW...

...THAT YOUR  
ENEMY ISN'T  
SOMEONE A MERE  
**CONVERSATION**  
WILL PLACATE.



SO YOU  
COULD  
*KNOW*.



IF YOU  
THOUGHT  
THAT, THEN  
WHY...

MURA-  
YAMA  
...



EVEN IF WE  
COMBINED  
THE POWERS  
OF ALL THE  
DÔJI, HE MAY  
BE TOO BIG  
TO DEFEAT.

HE  
*KNOWS*  
EVERY-  
THING.

DUNSTAN IS  
INVINCIBLE.



...BUT IF I HADN'T  
SAID THAT,  
YOU WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
PREPARED TO  
TAKE ACTION.

OF COURSE,  
I KNEW IT  
WAS NO USE  
DESTROYING  
ULTIMO TO LURE  
OUT DUNSTAN...

CALL ME  
MUSASHI.

AND DON'T  
WORRY.

WHUK

MURA-  
YAMA

...

BLOO BLOO

...I HAD  
NO IDEA  
YOU WERE  
*THIS*  
FOOLISH.

BUT...

I WON'T  
FALL  
EASILY!!!



BUT MY *HEART*  
*READING* IS  
UNBEATABLE!!!  
TAKE *THIS*!!!

WA HA HA!  
THE POWER  
OF A  
MECHANICAL  
BODY!

YOU  
BARELY  
EVEN  
FLINCHED!

SPIDERWEB!  
CATALPA  
BOW-  
STRING!!

FASHA

HA! YOU  
MAY STEAL  
MY SENSES,  
BUT I CAN  
READ YOUR  
HEART TO  
FIND OUT  
WHERE YOU  
ARE!



SO  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
IT?!



GAAAH!



NOH!  
ALL  
TRANCE

!!

THE SENSES  
ARE THE  
SOURCE OF ALL  
PERCEPTION!

TRUE SENSE  
MANIPULATION  
OVERRULES  
EVEN ONE'S  
SENSE OF  
VALUES!!!





MY SPIDER  
THREAD HAS  
PIERCED YOUR  
BODY AND  
WRAPPED AROUND  
YOUR HEART.

IT'S  
NO  
USE.







I COMMEND  
YOU FOR  
USING SENSE  
MANIPULATION  
ON YOURSELF  
TO STIFLE  
THE PAIN SO  
FAR...

...BUT MY  
HEART  
READING  
HAS WON.



YOU MAY  
HAVE  
MODIFIED  
YOUR BODY,  
BUT I CAN  
STILL READ  
YOUR WEAK  
POINT.



YOU'RE  
BRAINY, BUT  
EASY TO READ.  
MUCH TO YOUR  
DISADVANTAGE,  
WARRIOR BOY  
FROM THE  
FUTURE!





WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE  
TO MUSA-  
YAMA?!

IRUMA...



HEH  
HEH  
...

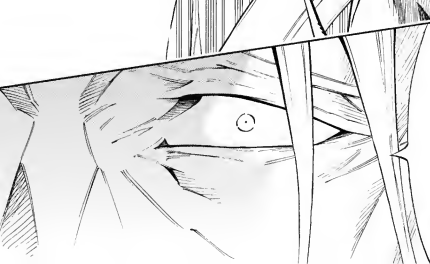
YOU'RE  
NEXT,  
BANDIT  
BOY.



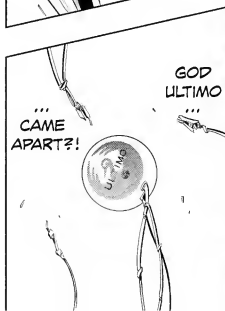
I SUGGEST  
YOU GIVE  
ME ULTIMO  
WITHOUT A  
FIGHT.



I CAN  
NEVER  
FOR-  
GIVE  
YOU!!!



FOOL.  
YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
STILL  
FIGHT?



HE'S  
NAKED!  
WHERE  
ARE THE  
POLICE?!!

HEY,  
WHAT'S  
THAT? A  
PERSON  
CAME  
OUT!



THAT'S...



BUT  
WHAT'S HE  
DOING?

THAT *WAS*  
YAMATO  
I HEARD!



...IS  
GOING  
ON?!!

WHAT...



SPACE-TIME  
FLIGHT AND  
THEN A FIGHT  
SO SOON  
AFTER TAKING  
THE PLEDGE...

NO WONDER  
YOU CAN'T  
KEEP YOUR  
ICON FORM.

**CLOMP**

OHhh,  
POOR  
ULTIMO...

!

YOU  
SHOULD  
ABANDON  
YOUR  
FOOLISH  
MASTER  
...

IRUMA...

...AND  
COME  
TO *ME*.



NO!



HM?!



KA SHINK

THIS TIME  
YOU WILL DIE,  
BANDIT BOY.

...YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
TO DIE,  
IRUMA-  
SENSEI.

SORRY,  
BUT...

SHI-  
LUK

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING,  
JEALOUSY?

HEY...

HUH?



...GAVE UP ON  
YOU A LONG  
TIME AGO. NOW  
THAT ULTIMO  
CAN'T MOVE,  
THIS WAS MY  
CHANCE TO  
GET RID  
OF YOU.



I...



...IS MY  
MASTER.

AGARI  
YAMATO...

AND HE  
EVEN DID  
THIS TO  
ULTIMO...

FIRST  
MUSAYAMA,  
THEN  
IRUMA...

WHAT?



...I HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
ANYTHING.

NOW...

AND  
INCOMPETENCE  
IS THE SUPREME  
EVIL.

SHIR

YOU TRULY ARE  
INCOMPETENT.

GIVE ME  
YOUR HAND,  
YAMATO,  
AND WE  
WILL-

YOU ARE  
JUST RIGHT  
FOR BEING  
MY MASTER.

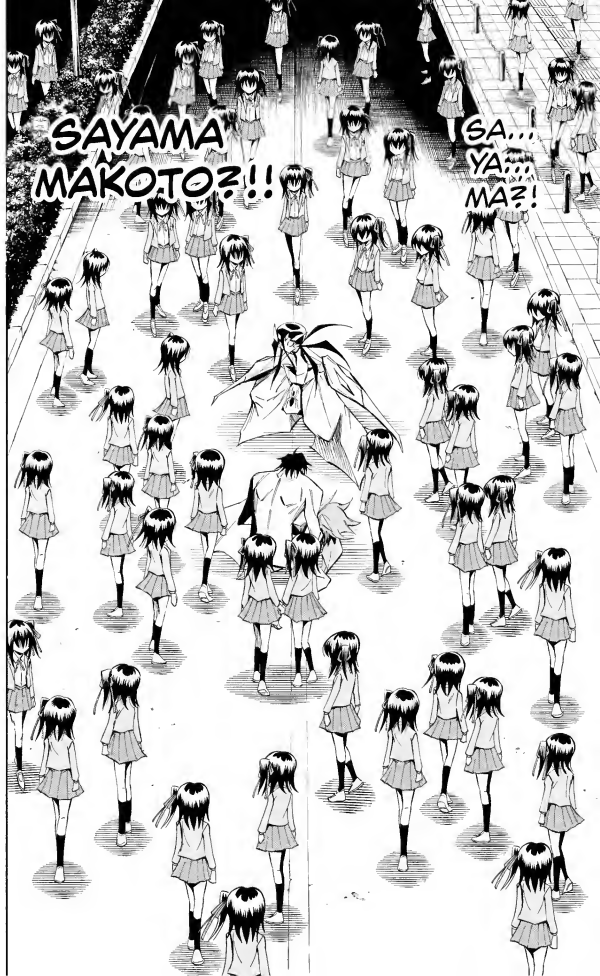


WHO  
IS  
THIS  
GIRL?!

WHO...

SAYAMA  
MAKOTO?!!

ISA...  
YA...  
MA?!



THERE  
ARE TOO  
MANY!  
I CAN'T  
SLIP  
INTO HIS  
HEART!

IF WE  
TOOK THE  
PLEDGE NOW,  
HIS SAYAMA  
ATTACK WOULD  
DESTROY *MY*  
HEART!

...I GOT IT...

IS THIS  
WHAT'S  
IN HIS  
HEAD?!

GAAAH!!



WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?

I CAN  
USE  
HIM.

KODAIRA  
RUNE...

AHA...



SOMETIMES  
LEFTOVER  
THINGS CAN  
BE OF USE.

ALTHOUGH  
IT CLOSED  
A LONG  
TIME AGO.

THIS IS MY  
HOSPITAL,  
YAMATO.



(PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.)



THE OLD  
MAN!

PARDONNER!

**Pardonner**

The Six Perfections:  
Patience



**Shakujii Koun (88)**  
Doctor



WHY AM  
I HERE?!  
WHAT  
HAPPENED?!

JUST  
WAIT A  
SECOND,  
OLD MAN!



HUNH  
?!

I DON'T  
KNOW.



HMM...

THIS IS OUR  
FIRST TIME TO  
MEET, BUT YOU  
KNOW ME, SO  
WHAT THE SUSHI  
CHEF SAID MUST  
BE TRUE.

THOUGH I  
CAN HARDLY  
BELIEVE IT,  
YOU COME  
FROM  
TOMORROW,  
THE FUTURE.



Sushi Chef



THEY  
ASKED  
ME TO  
TREAT  
YOU.

TWO  
MEMBERS OF  
THE CLUB OF  
GOOD DŌJI  
BROUGHT YOU  
GUYS IN A  
LITTLE WHILE  
AGO.



AND  
WHO'S  
YOU  
GUYS?

TWO?





MURAYAMA  
MUSASHI.



HERE.



HE MAY HAVE  
MODIFIED  
HIS BODY, BUT  
IF IT WEREN'T  
FOR MY NOH,  
CORPOREAL  
MANIPULATION,  
HE WOULD  
HAVE DIED.

YOU SHOULD  
AT LEAST BE  
THANKFUL THAT  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO FEEL GUILTY  
ABOUT *HIM*.



HMPH.  
YOU  
NEVER  
LEARN.

YOU MUST  
REFLECT  
ON WHAT  
YOU HAVE  
DONE.



I'M SO  
GLAD!

YOU'RE  
ALL  
RIGHT!



MUSAYAMA!!!



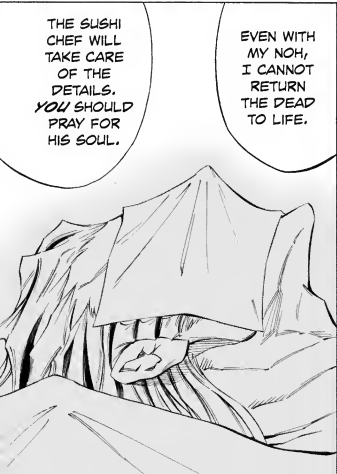
IRUMA  
TOMOMITSU.



YOU'RE  
LYING.



I HAVE  
NO REASON  
TO LIE  
TO YOU.

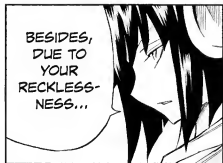


THE SUSHI  
CHEF WILL  
TAKE CARE  
OF THE  
DETAILS.  
*YOU* SHOULD  
PRAY FOR  
HIS SOUL.

EVEN WITH  
MY NOH,  
I CANNOT  
RETURN  
THE DEAD  
TO LIFE.



HE HAD  
ALREADY  
TAKEN HIS  
LAST BREATH  
WHEN THEY  
CARRIED  
HIM IN.



IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, GIVE YOUR DŌJI MEDERU SO HE RECOVERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

IRUMA  
DIED  
FOR  
NOTHING!

GIVE HIM  
MEDERU?  
THAT'S ALL  
YOU CAN  
SAY?

ARGH!!!



...  
ALLOW IT.

I CAN'T  
...

...AND RETURN  
EVERYTHING  
TO NORMAL...

I'M GONNA  
TEACH  
DUNSTAN A  
LESSON...

...TOGETHER  
WITH ULTIMO.



HE'S  
INEXPERIENCED,  
PARDONNER.

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内科 小児科

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PM 3:00-6:00

土曜日 午後休診  
休診日 日曜・毎週水曜日

内科・小児科  
石神井医院

IF ONLY WE  
COULD SAY THAT  
**GOOD AND EVIL**  
ARE MERELY  
ILLUSORY, THEN  
A DOCTOR'S  
WORK WOULD  
BE A LITTLE  
EASIER.

HUMANS  
ARE ALIVE.  
THEY ARE  
BORN AND  
MUST  
SOMEDAY  
DIE.

HA HA!  
NOT AS  
MUCH AS  
HIM!

DOES  
THAT MEAN  
**YOU'RE** STILL  
INEXPERIENCED  
TOO?

I'M  
SURPRISED.

SO NOW  
WILL YOU  
TWO TELL  
ME...

HE'S  
GONE.

TCH!

ERM  
M

THEY  
DESTROYED  
THE WORLD  
WITHOUT  
ME EVEN  
KNOWING IT.

...EXACTLY  
WHAT  
HAPPENED?

**Kumegawa Hiroshi (21)**  
Street punk

**Shina Machi (28)**  
Fortune-teller

(SPARROW PLACE)





I WILL  
NOT  
FORGIVE  
...

...  
KEEPING ME  
UNINFORMED!!



*KARAKURIDÔJI*  
**ULTIMO**



ACT 19  
SWORD DEMON

KARAKURIDÔJI  
**ULTIMO**

**RRMM**

すずめ荘

THEY  
DESTROYED  
THE WORLD  
WITHOUT  
ME EVEN  
KNOWING IT.

I WILL  
NOT  
FORGIVE  
...

...  
KEEPING ME  
UNINFORMED!!



HOW  
SHALL  
WE  
PUNISH  
THEM?

VICE...

K (31) Unemployed

THAT'S  
EASY...



...  
**KILL  
THEM  
ALL  
!!!**

**WE  
WILL  
...**





BUT  
WHY THE  
SUDDEN  
URGE TO  
GO TO  
WORK?

NO,  
THAT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT...



HUNH  
?!

GAH!  
DON'T  
BREAK  
YOUR  
BOTTLE  
LIKE  
THAT!

NOW THE  
FLOOR'S ALL  
STICKY AND  
I GOTTA  
CLEAN IT UP!



HA!

IT ISN'T  
WORK.



MIGHT  
AS WELL  
MOVE A  
LITTLE,  
OR I'LL  
LOSE MY  
EDGE.

IT'S  
PLAY.

NO MATTER  
HOW MANY  
WE KILL,  
DUNSTAN'S  
PLAN WON'T  
CHANGE.

KLANK



...I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO BEAT  
THAT OLD  
MAN AFTER  
WE WIN THE  
HUNDRED  
MACHINE  
FUNERAL.

IF I  
DON'T...

DUNSTAN.

HUH?

THAT...  
OLD  
MAN?

HOW CAN  
*YOU* BE  
SO UNCON-  
CERNED, K?

I MEAN,  
THAT  
GUY'S-

N-NOW  
HOLD  
ON A  
SEC!

HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
SOMETHING SO  
TERRIBLE?

きずめ荘

SURELY YOU  
CAN GUESS  
WHAT HE'LL  
DO WHEN THAT  
EXPERIMENT  
IS OVER.

THE HUNDRED  
MACHINE  
FUNERAL IS  
JUST AN  
EXPERIMENT  
DUNSTAN  
DEvised TO  
LEARN WHICH  
IS STRONGER,  
GOOD OR  
EVIL.

HE HAS GIVEN  
US GREAT  
STRENGTH.  
THERE IS RISK,  
BUT NO GAIN,  
IN LETTING  
US LIVE.

ONCE WE'VE  
SERVED OUR  
PURPOSE,  
HE WILL FEEL  
BETTER GETTING  
RID OF US.

MEGANE  
HENDOGAME



HE'LL  
**RESET.**

...BUT DO  
YOU THINK  
**HE** WILL  
LET YOU?

YOU WISH  
TO BECOME  
**RULER** OF A  
NEW WORLD...

BUT...

B...

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
SEE HOW  
MANY I  
CAN CRUSH  
BEFORE  
TOMORROW.

HEH  
HEH...

THEN WHAT  
HAVE I  
BEEN DOING  
ALL THIS  
FOR?

THERE  
NEVER WAS  
ANY POINT.  
NOW FORGET  
ABOUT IT.  
LET'S GO.





KODAIRA  
RUNE.



...IS NOT  
ONLY ULTIMO'S  
MASTER AGARI  
YAMATO'S GOOD  
FRIEND, BUT HE  
WAS ALSO HIS  
BETROTHED,  
AS A WOMAN,  
IN A PAST LIFE.

ONE PROBLEM  
IS THAT BOY  
WHO BECAME  
JEALOUSY'S  
NEW MASTER  
...

I KNOW THERE  
ARE OTHER THINGS  
TO WORRY ABOUT  
RIGHT NOW, BUT  
SHE'S MY FUTURE!  
I NEED TO GET  
THERE FAST!

AND  
MEETING  
UP WITH  
RUNE  
TOO...

I  
COMPLETELY  
FORGOT  
ABOUT  
SAYAMA'S  
PARTY!

GAAAH!!!

BUT I  
LEFT MY  
CELL PHONE  
IN MY SCHOOL  
UNIFORM AT  
ECO'S...

I BET  
I'VE GOT  
TONS OF  
TEXTS!

ZERO  
?!!

G  
A  
H



OH...  
RIGHT,  
THERE  
ARE OTHER  
THINGS TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT!

E  
C  
O  
!!!



THERE'S  
A SIGNAL,  
ALL RIGHT.  
WHAT'S WITH  
THE FUNNY  
GETUP?

NO WAY...  
MAYBE  
THERE'S  
NO SIGNAL  
HERE...



IT'S TOO  
BAD ABOUT  
IRUMA.

I KNOW.



HIROSHI  
AND MACHI  
CALLED  
ME IN.

AND  
WITH GOOD  
REASON. I  
HAD TO USE  
MY DŌJI TO  
QUELL THE  
EXCITEMENT.

I KNOW  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
AT THE  
STATION.





...OF MEMORY MANIPULATION.

BY USING MY NOH ...





LITTLE  
ECOS!

WE BLEW 'EM  
AWAY AGAIN  
BECAUSE OF  
REGUTARO'S  
HOME RUNS!

DAD!  
HOW YA  
DOIN'?

RATTLE

REGULA IS  
POSING AS  
A TRANSFER  
STUDENT IN  
MY YOUNGER  
SON'S SCHOOL.

I HAD HIM  
MANIPULATE  
THE PRINCIPAL'S  
MEMORY...

SPZZZT

THE  
PRINCI-  
PAL?!!

I DON'T  
MEAN TO  
BRAG, BUT  
THEY'RE THE  
ELEMENTARY  
AND JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
TEAMS' ACES.

Welcome  
back!

OH, RIGHT.  
THIS IS YOUR  
FIRST TIME  
TO MEET MY  
SONS.

OH, RIGHT...  
HE SHOWED  
ME A PHOTO  
ONCE.



ANOTHER  
APPRENTICE?

WHO'S  
THAT  
TALL  
GUY,  
DAD?

**Ekoda Shinsaku (13)**  
(New Creation)

**Ekoda Saishinsaku (9)**  
(Newest Creation)



WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT  
IS WHAT  
YOU CAN  
DO RIGHT  
NOW.

MAKING A  
FUSS OVER  
WHAT'S PAST  
WON'T CHANGE  
ANYTHING.



SURE,  
ULTIMO  
CAN'T  
MOVE  
RIGHT  
NOW,  
BUT...



BUT-!



HM? A  
CUSTOMER?

BUT HE  
LOOKS LIKE  
HE JUST  
ESCAPED  
FROM A  
HOSPITAL...



OH MY!  
ARE THE  
BOYS HOME  
ALREADY?



**Ekoda Yuu (31)**

WELL IF HE'S  
MUSASHI'S  
FRIEND, THEN  
HE MUST BE  
ALL RIGHT.

OH...

I'M  
NOT  
HIS  
**PAL!**

OH,  
THIS IS  
MUSASHI'S  
PAL.

SEEMS  
HE'S A  
LITTLE  
WEIRD  
AND LIKES  
DRESSING  
FUNNY.

!!!

THIRD  
?!!

YEAH,  
MY  
THIRD.

ECO! HER  
STOMACH!

THE  
ECOSONS!

MY  
DREAM  
IS TO  
MAKE A  
FAMILY  
BASEBALL  
TEAM.

I'VE  
ALREADY  
DECIDED ON  
A NAME.



ECO HAS A  
FAMILY TO  
PROTECT...

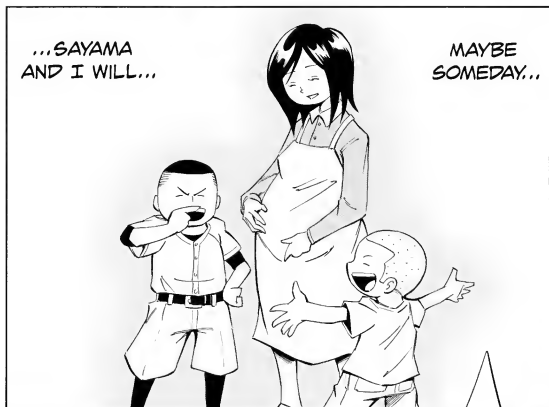
THAT'S  
RIGHT!!



YOU MAY  
THINK IT'S  
A COMMON  
DREAM...

...BUT TO ME,  
THAT'S THE  
IDEAL FAMILY.

OH...



...SAYAMA  
AND I WILL...

MAYBE  
SOMEDAY...



?!!

GAH!  
SAYAMA  
!!!



I'LL  
BELT  
OUT A  
GAME-  
WINNING  
HOME  
RUN  
TOO!!!

THANKS,  
ECO!

KRAKK

WHAT  
KIND OF  
HOME RUN  
IS HE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

GRAAAH!  
WAIT  
FOR ME,  
SAYA-  
MAAA!

I knew it.  
He's an  
idiot.

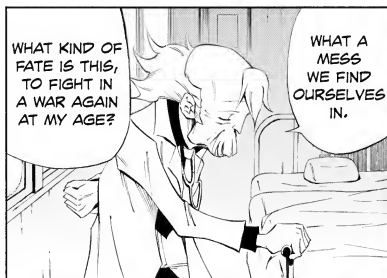
GRAAAH

TRUMP TRUMP











REMEMBER  
THIS WELL,  
YOU TWO.

NO, YOU  
MISS MY  
MEANING.



HEY, I'M  
SURE THEY  
DIDN'T GO  
TO DIE ON  
PUR-



KILLING  
OTHERS...

...IS KILLING  
***YOURSELF.***



...IS KILLING  
YOURSELF?



KILLING  
OTHERS...



I'VE  
KILLED...

...LOTS OF  
PEOPLE...

...AND  
NEVER  
*ONCE*  
THOUGHT  
THAT.



I'D LIKE  
TO HEAR  
MORE  
ABOUT  
THAT,  
OLD MAN  
...



**V  
I  
C  
E  
!!!**

THE  
EVIL  
DÔJI  
LEADER  
!!!

SHING



WHAT?!



IMPOS-  
SIBLE!

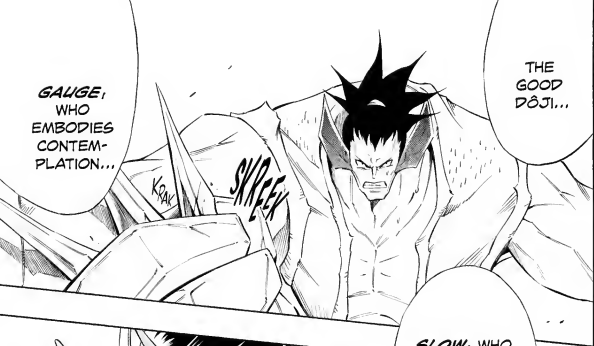


THAT'S  
...



GOOD,  
THE *SMALL*  
FRIES HAVE  
COME OUT  
TO PLAY.

HEH  
HEH...



**GAUGE,**  
WHO  
EMBODIES  
CONTEM-  
PLATION...

THE  
GOOD  
DÔJI...



**SLOW,** WHO  
REPRESENTS  
DILIGENCE...



SUCH  
TIRESOME  
NAMES...

AND  
**PARDONNER,**  
WHO  
PERSONIFIES  
PATIENCE.



THREE  
AGAINST  
ONE.

EVEN  
*THAT'S* NOT  
ENOUGH TO  
SATISFY ME.



CALL  
YOUR  
FRIENDS

...  
AND SAVE  
ME THE  
TROUBLE  
OF FINDING  
THEM.





YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
ESCAPE US  
UNHARMED?



PICKING  
A FIGHT  
ALL ALONE  
LIKE THIS  
IS CRAZY.



HE  
MUST BE  
INSANE.



EH?!

SWUF

SWUF

GO  
AHEAD.

DO 'IM,  
GAUGE.



LET IT GO,  
YOU TWO!

DON'T  
LET HIM  
PROVOKE  
YOU!  
DIDN'T  
YOU HEAR  
WHAT I  
SAID?!



HE'S  
ASKING  
FOR IT.

I AGREE.

A close-up of a character's face, showing a stern and somewhat menacing expression. The character has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

IF WE  
BUST 'IM  
NOW, IT'LL  
MAKE  
THINGS  
EASIER  
TOMORROW.

THIS  
GUY'S  
LIKE A  
MOTH  
DRAWN  
TO THE  
FLAME.

A close-up of a character's face, showing a slight, confident smile. The character has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

YOU  
GOT  
*THAT*  
RIGHT.

AS LONG  
AS WE  
DON'T CRUSH  
HIS SPIRIT  
SPHERE,  
THERE'S NO  
PROBLEM.

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, toothy grin. The character has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

BRING  
IT ON.



不  
神  
借

AND GOD  
GAUGE!!!

神  
魔

GOD  
SLOW!



THANKS  
TO YOU,  
I'VE  
ALREADY  
CRUSHED  
YOUR  
DÔJI!  
SEE?

SHUKK

...THIS ONE'S  
HARDLY  
WORTH  
FIGHTING.

WITHOUT A  
MASTER...

NOW  
YOU'VE  
DONE  
IT!

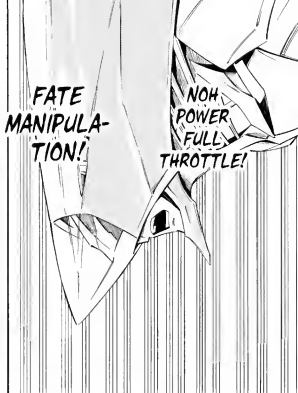
**GRAAAH!!!**

...!



EMOTION  
MANIPULA-  
TION!

NOH  
POWER  
FULL  
THROTTLE!



FATE  
MANIPULA-  
TION!

NOH  
POWER  
FULL  
THROTTLE!



WHAT'RE  
YOU  
DOING?  
YOU'RE  
UP, K.

HA!

NOW  
THAT'S  
MORE  
LIKE IT!



THEY'RE  
NOTHING  
...

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
THEIR  
NOH.

技巧変化

KARAKURI  
HENGE:

...COMPARED  
TO MY NOH:  
INCOMPETENCE  
!!!

ONIMEN!  
DEMON  
MASK!!!





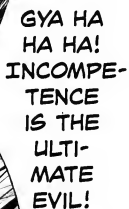
**INCOMPE-  
TENCE?!**



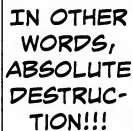
**?!**



**COMPLETE  
CONSUMPTION  
CREATING  
NOTHING!**



**GYA HA  
HA HA!  
INCOMPE-  
TENCE  
IS THE  
ULTI-  
MATE  
EVIL!**



**IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
ABSOLUTE  
DESTRUC-  
TION!!!**

...THAT  
YOU'RE  
WEAK  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
RELY  
ON  
CHEAP  
NOH!!!

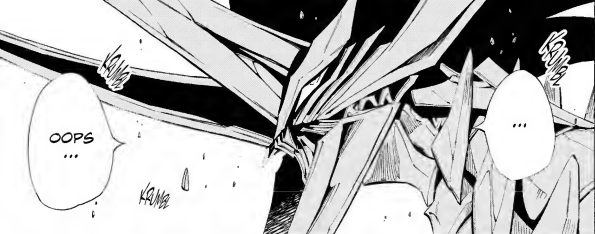
YOU GUYS  
NEED TO  
LEARN...





**BONE  
NEGATION!!!**







IT'S  
**CRAAAZY**  
!!!



DID YOU  
JUST HEAR  
A LOUD  
SOUND  
OVER  
THERE?

HEY,  
RUNE?





ANYWAY, WE'VE  
ARRIVED AT  
SAYAMA'S.



PERHAPS  
IT WAS YOUR  
IMAGINATION.



LET'S  
GO IN,  
SHALL  
WE?



KARAKURIDÔJI  
**ULTIMO**



DID YOU  
JUST HEAR  
A LOUD  
SOUND  
OVER  
THERE?

HEY,  
RUNE?

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER,  
YAMATO?

PERHAPS  
IT WAS YOUR  
IMAGINATION.

ANYWAY,  
WE'VE ARRIVED  
AT SAYAMA'S.  
LET'S GO IN,  
SHALL WE,  
YAMATO?

山崎  
YAMAZAKI

ACT 20 KOIGATAKI: BASEBALL BOY'S LOSING RECORD

YOU  
STILL  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
TODAY'S  
SPECIAL  
GUEST.

ENJOY  
IT WHILE  
YOU CAN,  
YAMATO.



PRO  
GOLFER  
HIDAKA  
AKIRA...

EVIL DÔJI  
ORGULLO'S  
MASTER...



...  
YOU  
WILL  
BE  
*MINE.*

WHEN  
YOU  
LEARN  
THE  
TRUTH  
...





ACT 20 · KOIGATAKI:  
BASEBALL BOY'S LOSING RECORD



WELL, OF  
COURSE!

OOH!  
I KNEW IT!  
YOU LOOK  
GREAT,  
HIDAKA!



I MEAN,  
*YOU* DESIGNED  
THIS SPORTSWEAR  
FOR ME, MAKOTO!

BUT HOW  
RUDE OF ME  
TO RECEIVE  
SOMETHING  
SO GREAT  
ON *YOUR*  
BIRTHDAY,  
MAKOTO.



THAT'S NOT TRUE!  
MY VISOR WILL  
BECOME MY  
TRADEMARK!

HA

HA

TEE HEE—! ♡

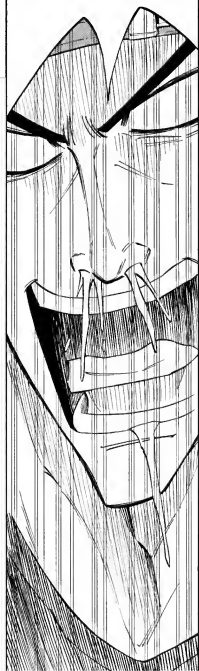
OH, I'M  
STILL  
JUST AN  
AMATEUR,  
HIDAKA!

WHAT'S UP  
WITH GOLF  
CLOTHES AT  
A BIRTHDAY  
PARTY,  
ANYWAY?

WHY'RE YOU  
BEING SO  
CLOSE WITH  
SAYAMA?!



WAIT,  
WAIT,  
WAIT,  
**WAAAIT!**



THAT  
GUY  
...?!!



HE'S  
ONE OF  
THE EVIL  
DÔJI  
MASTERS!!!

I SAW  
HIM IN  
THE  
WOODS  
NEAR  
MT. FUJI!



GET AWAY  
FROM HIM  
RIGHT...

BE  
CAREFUL,  
SAYAMA!!!



...  
NOW!

WAK

YOU'RE  
RUDE!  
HE'S THE  
FAMED  
AKIRA!!

LOOK  
AT HOW  
YOU'RE  
DRESSED,  
YAMATO.

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
CAUSING  
TROUBLE,  
YAMATO!



OW!  
KICKING  
ME IN  
HEELS?!!

HE'S THE  
YOUNGEST  
WINNER  
EVER OF THE  
MISTERS GOLF  
TOURNAMENT.  
HE'S ON TV  
ALL THE  
TIME!

HE'S A  
THIRD-YEAR  
AT SENJO  
ACADEMY,  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GOLF CLUB!







ISN'T  
BASEBALL  
A WASTE  
OF YOUR  
HEIGHT?

YOU'RE  
TALL.

SO  
YOU'RE  
WHO I  
KEEP  
HEARING  
ABOUT.  
HI.

...I  
DON'T  
PLAY  
BASE-  
BALL.

NO...

ENGHI!

AND  
WHAT'S  
HE TO  
SAYAMA?!!

WHAT'S AN  
EVIL DÔJI  
MASTER  
DOING  
HERE?!

OH, RIGHT.  
THIS IS  
YOUR FIRST  
TIME TO  
MEET  
HIDAKA.

!!!  
BABUMP

**SPOKESMAN?!  
TRY IT ON?!  
NEW PRODUCT?!**



A NEW  
PRODUCT  
CAME IN  
TODAY,  
SO I WAS  
HAVING HIM  
TRY IT ON.



HIDAKA'S IN  
THE GOLF  
CLUB WITH ME,  
BUT HE'S  
ALSO OUR  
SPOKESMAN.

SAYAMA'S  
FATHER IS THE  
PRESIDENT OF  
SAYAMA SPORTS,  
A SPORTING  
GOODS MAKER.  
SAYAMA DESIGNS  
FOR HIM.



TCH! FOR  
SOMEONE  
WHO LIKES  
SAYAMA,  
YOU SURE  
DON'T KNOW  
MUCH ABOUT  
HER.

THAT  
JERK...!

BUT...  
NO!



SHE'S SO  
TALENTED  
...

WOW...







THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
YAMATO.

... HMPH.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
YAMATO.

HMPH.



HOLING  
UP IN  
THERE  
WON'T  
DO ANY  
GOOD.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH.  
COME OUT  
OF THERE,  
YAMATO.



SHE  
DOESN'T  
LIKE ME?!

EVEN  
LESS?!



IF YOU  
DO THAT,  
SAYAMA  
WILL LIKE  
YOU EVEN  
LESS.

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT ME,  
RUNE. I'M  
GONNA  
SPEND  
THE NIGHT  
IN HERE.



ACTUALLY,  
SHE'S  
NEVER  
EVEN  
NOTICED  
YOU.



KIND OF  
NORMAL,  
REALLY.



AND SINCE HE'S  
THE SPOKESMAN  
FOR HER FAMILY'S  
COMPANY, OF  
COURSE THEY'RE  
CLOSE.

...

AFTER ALL,  
YOUR RIVAL IS  
A TOP STUDENT,  
PRO GOLFER  
AND NATIONAL  
STAR.



EVEN THEIR  
PARENTS HAVE  
APPROVED THE  
RELATIONSHIP.

EVERYONE  
WAS KEEPING  
IT SECRET  
FROM YOU.



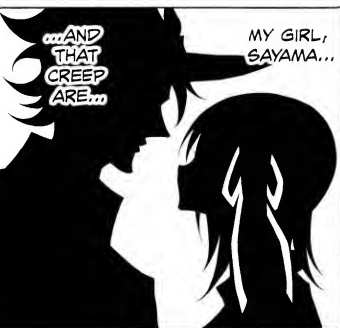
WHAT?

...



...  
THEY'RE  
*DATING.*

I'M  
SAYING  
...





SO,  
YAMATO  
...



...WHY  
DON'T WE  
SNEAK  
OUT OF  
HERE...

...AND GO  
TO *MY*  
HOUSE?





GOOD.  
KEEP  
IT UP,  
KODAIRA.



HAVING  
HIM TELL  
LIES TO  
UPSET OUR  
OPPONENT  
IS MOST IMPRES-  
SIVE.

LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
GOING WELL,  
AKIRA.

YOU'RE SO  
BIG YOU  
STAND OUT.  
DIDN'T I  
TELL YOU  
NOT TO  
COME?

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
SHOW YOUR  
FACE HERE,  
ORGULLO.



...



BECAUSE...

...IT'S ONLY  
A MATTER  
OF TIME  
BEFORE  
SAYAMA  
MAKOTO  
IS *MINE*.

AND I  
DIDN'T  
HAVE HIM  
*LIE*.

HAH!

GOD  
READING,  
HUH?

YES.

I'M NOT  
PARTICULARLY  
GOOD AT  
GOLF.

BUT WITH  
SUPERB  
POWERS OF  
OBSERVATION  
AND ANALYSIS  
I CAN READ  
A SITUATION  
WITH 100%  
ACCURACY.

AND MY  
ABSOLUTE  
CONFIDENCE  
BASED ON  
THAT ABILITY  
GIVES  
BIRTH TO  
PERFECT  
PLAYING.

AND AFTER I  
GET MY HANDS ON  
SAYAMA MAKOTO,  
SAYAMA SPORTS  
IS NEXT.

OF COURSE,  
THAT GOES  
FOR MORE  
THAN JUST  
GOLF.

CIRCUMSTANCES,  
AND EVEN  
PEOPLE, TURN  
OUT EXACTLY  
AS I EXPECT.

WITH MY  
GOD  
READING,  
IT WILL  
ACTUALLY BE  
BENEFICIAL  
FOR THE  
COMPANY.



THEN IT  
WON'T BE  
LONG BEFORE  
I DOMINATE  
THE TOP OF  
THE WHOLE  
GROUP.

FOR SOMEONE  
WITH A GREAT  
PUBLIC REPUTATION,  
YOU SURE ARE *EVIL*!  
I'M PROUD TO BE  
YOUR DÔJI, AKIRA!!!



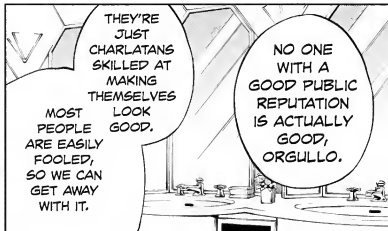
**GA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA**

GA HA  
HA HA!  
SO THE  
GIRL'S  
JUST A  
STEPPING  
STONE!

BUT  
IRUMA  
DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT AT  
ALL.



THEY'RE  
JUST  
CHARLATANS  
SKILLED AT  
MAKING  
THEMSELVES  
LOOK  
GOOD.  
MOST  
PEOPLE  
ARE EASILY  
FOOLED,  
SO WE CAN  
GET AWAY  
WITH IT.



NO ONE  
WITH A  
GOOD PUBLIC  
REPUTATION  
IS ACTUALLY  
GOOD,  
ORGULLO.

NOW STAY  
OUT OF  
MY WAY,  
ORGULLO.

I WILL THROW  
AGARI YAMATO-  
THE GREATEST  
GOOD MASTER-  
DOWN INTO HELL.



BUT THAT'S  
WHY HE'S  
THE PRIDE  
MASTER.

I SUPPOSE  
THAT'S WHY  
*I'M* HERE.

BUT WHEN  
SOMETHING  
UNEXPECTED  
HAPPENS,  
A GUY LIKE  
THAT BREAKS  
DOWN.

...  
**RAGING  
FLAMES**  
WILL BURN  
EVERY-  
THING!!!

WHEN PUSH  
COMES  
TO SHOVE,  
WHETHER IT'S  
AGAINST ULTIMO  
OR DUNSTAN,  
MY NOH...

**FANG**



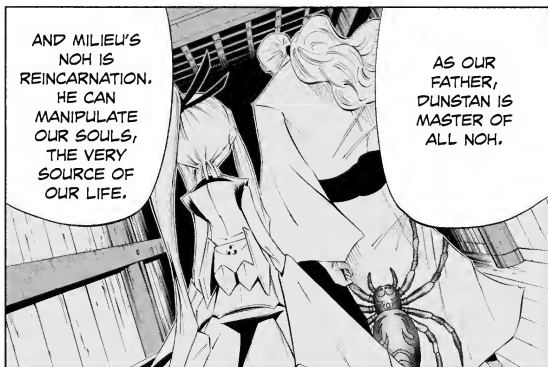
HUH?



YOU GUYS  
SEEM  
SERIOUS  
ABOUT  
DEFEATING  
DUNSTAN,  
BUT IS  
THAT EVEN  
POSSIBLE?



THAT'S  
WHAT I'M  
SAYING IS  
DANGEROUS.



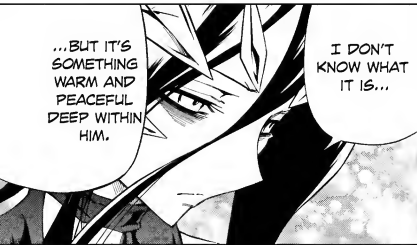
AND MILIEL'S  
NOH IS  
REINCARNATION.  
HE CAN  
MANIPULATE  
OUR SOULS,  
THE VERY  
SOURCE OF  
OUR LIFE.

AS OUR  
FATHER,  
DUNSTAN IS  
MASTER OF  
ALL NOH.



THAT  
BOY HAS  
SOMETHING  
THAT EVEN  
MY HEART  
READING  
CANNOT  
DISCERN.

EVEN YAMATO  
MAY NOT  
BE ABLE TO  
BEAT THEM.



...BUT IT'S  
SOMETHING  
WARM AND  
PEACEFUL  
DEEP WITHIN  
HIM.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
IT IS...



WHAT?



...WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT? I  
KNOW YOU WANT  
HIM FOR YOUR  
MASTER, BUT...

HEY,  
JEALOUSY...



THIS IS NO  
TIME TO START  
WORRYING.

...VICE IS  
ALREADY  
WORKING IN  
PREPARATION  
FOR  
TOMORROW.





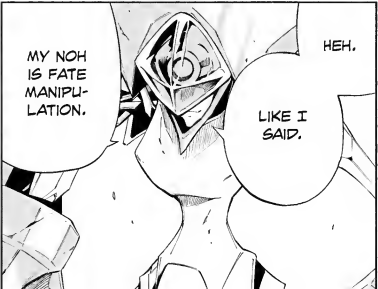


...AND  
GAUGE WHO  
EMBODIES  
CONTEMPLA-  
TION.

SLOW WHO  
EMBODIES  
DILIGENCE...



WHAT?



MY NOH  
IS FATE  
MANIPU-  
LATION.

HEH.

LIKE I  
SAID.

SLOW'S NOH  
CAUSED GOOD  
LUCK AND  
PREVENTED  
THEM FROM  
HITTING.

YOUR  
RIDICULOUS  
BONES  
DIDN'T  
JUST  
HAPPEN  
TO MISS.

...SLOW  
CAUSED  
**BAD LUCK**  
FOR YOU.

AND AT  
THE SAME  
TIME...

WHAT  
SHE'S  
SAYING  
IS TRUE!  
EEEEK!

LOOK  
UP DOWN

BONE  
NEGATION  
ALMOST  
DROVE A  
STEEL BEAM  
THROUGH  
MY HEAD!

CRAZY DANGER

WHY YOU LOOK??

GACK

HUE?!

↑LOOK UP

GAAAH!  
UH-OH,  
VICE!



SEEMS  
LIKE MY  
NOH IS  
WORKING.

HA!  
THAT  
MASTER'S  
LOSING IT!



NO ONE CAN  
TAKE ACTION IN  
OPPOSITION TO  
HIS HEART. YOU  
*SHOULD* BE  
UPSET...

EMOTION  
MANIPULATION.



EEK!!!  
**GACK**

QUIT  
YOUR  
COWERING,  
FOOL!!!



FATE  
MANIPULATION,  
EMOTION  
MANIPULATION...  
THAT'S INSANE!

W-WHAT'S  
WITH THEIR  
NOH?!



...YOUR  
CHEAP  
NOH...

...WON'T  
WORK  
ON ME.



BESIDES,  
I ALREADY  
TOLD YOU...

UNFORTU-  
NATELY,  
THIS IS  
JUST MY  
MASTER'S  
ORIGINAL  
PERSON-  
ALITY.



HMPH!  
ENOUGH  
WITH THE  
TOUGH  
TALK!



IF  
YOU'RE  
SO  
TOUGH,  
TAKE  
THIS!

KSH  
ING



**KITSUKYO  
KAFUKU!!  
DEER'S  
LUCK  
FORTUNE  
!!!**

**FATE  
MANIPULATION!**

**YOU CAN  
TRY TO  
DODGE,  
BUT IT  
WON'T  
DO ANY  
GOOD!!!**

**SHE'S  
THROWING  
HER  
CLAWS!**



I'M TOO  
STRONG.  
THESE CAN'T  
DAMAGE ME.

FOOL.  
WHO SAID  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
DODGING?



STEP  
ASIDE,  
MACHI!

WHAT?!

MASSIVE  
LOVE THAT  
WILL IMPROVE  
HIM FROM  
THE INSIDE!

TO BEAT  
THIS PUNK,  
WE NEED  
TO HIT HIM  
WITH THE  
WHIP OF  
LOVE!

EMOTION  
MANIPULATION!

INNOCENCE!!!



WHAT'S  
THAT?  
DID YOU  
THINK YOU  
COULD  
REFORM  
ME?



I DON'T HAVE  
A GOOD SOUL  
TO FIX. IT WAS  
CUT AWAY FROM  
ME.

I AM THE  
GREATEST  
EVIL DŌJI.



LIKE  
I KEEP  
SAYING...



WHAT  
...?



...YOUR  
CHEAP  
NOH  
WON'T  
WORK  
ON ME.





HIROSHI!



WHAM!  
DON'T  
YOU  
THINK?

HMM?  
HUNH?

SMALL FRIES  
SHOULD NEVER  
MAKE THE  
MISTAKE OF  
FIGHTING ME.



WHY,  
YOU...!



GAAAH  
!!!



ARE  
YOU TWO  
DATING?

HM?

WHAT  
HAVE  
YOU  
DONE  
TO MY  
DEAR  
HIROSHI  
?!!

PERFECT.  
YOU CAN  
GO TO THE  
NEXT WORLD  
TOGETHER.

I WILL  
INFLECT  
YOU WITH  
THE  
**WORST**  
LUCK  
POSSIBLE!!!

SHUT  
UP,  
VICE!

BUT YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE *ANY*  
OPTIONS.

BUT LUCK IS  
ABOUT LEAVING  
OR RETURNING,  
HITTING OR MISSING.  
IN OTHER WORDS,  
A SERIES OF  
OPTIONS.

SUCH BOLD  
WORDS JUST  
BECAUSE LUCK  
IS ON YOUR  
SIDE...

KUH--

...YOUR  
ONLY  
OPTION  
WAS  
DEATH.

THE MOMENT  
YOU PICKED  
A FIGHT  
WITH ME...

SNAP

BUT IS  
THAT  
REALLY  
TRUE?

LUCK AND  
FEELINGS  
DON'T  
MATTER  
BEFORE  
STRENGTH.

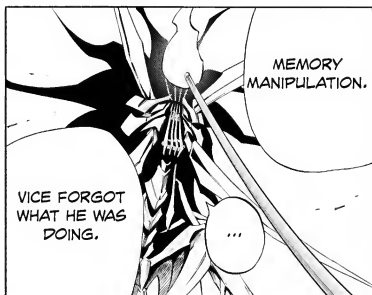
HE'S OVER-  
WHELMINGLY  
STRONG.





HEY, IT'S  
TOO SOON  
TO GIVE UP,  
MACHI.

GOD  
REGULA?!



MEMORY  
MANIPULATION.

VICE FORGOT  
WHAT HE WAS  
DOING.

...

NO.



I'M JUST  
TOO  
WEAK.



THERE'S  
STILL TIME.  
TAKE HIROSHI  
AND GET OUT  
OF HERE.

LUCKILY,  
YOU GUYS  
WERE  
Distracting  
HIM.



URGH...

...!



WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING?!  
PARDONNER'S  
GONE! I SAID  
GET MOVING!

BUT,  
ECO...!



I KNOW  
THAT NOTHING  
I SAY CAN  
CHANGE YOU.

AND NO  
MATTER  
HOW MUCH I  
MANIPULATE  
YOUR MEMORY,  
YOUR INSTINCT  
IS ALWAYS  
TOWARD  
DESTRUCTION.



THE ONLY  
EMOTION YOU  
KNOW IS EVIL,  
AND EVIL ALONE  
CAN NEVER SATISFY  
YOUR HEART.

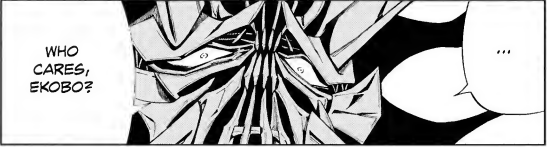
YOU WERE  
BORN TO BE  
PURE EVIL  
AND REPEAT  
DESTRUCTION  
AND CARNAGE.

...



...BUT FEEL  
SORRY  
FOR YOU.

I CAN'T  
HELP...



WHO  
CARES,  
EKOBO?

...



I KILLED  
YOU IN AN  
INSTANT  
BACK THEN,  
TOO.

IF THIS IS A  
CONTINUATION  
OF YOUR SERMON  
900 YEARS AGO,  
I'M SICK OF  
HEARING IT.

(RASEIMON GATE)





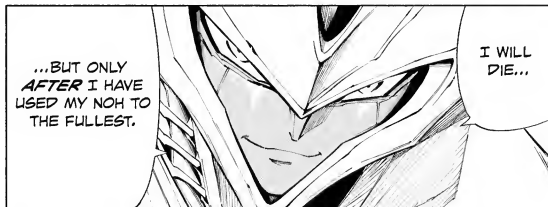
THIS TIME  
I WANT A  
PROPER  
CONCLU-  
SION  
TO IT.

BUT  
TOMORROW  
IS THE  
HUNDRED  
MACHINE  
FUNERAL..



THIS TIME,  
SHALL I  
MESS YOU  
UP SO BAD  
THAT YOU  
NEVER  
REINCARNATE  
AGAIN?

IF THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
WANT, I'LL  
DO IT.



...BUT ONLY  
*AFTER* I HAVE  
USED MY NOH TO  
THE FULLEST.

I WILL  
DIE...



HUH?!



IF YOU'VE  
GOT  
SOMETHING  
TRICKY IN  
MIND, THEN  
I'LL FINISH  
YOU RIGHT  
N-

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLANNING?!

MEMORY  
MANIPULATION

YOU'RE  
TOO  
LATE.

ENGRAVE





...TO ALL THE  
MASTERS WHO  
WILL LIVE ON  
TOMORROW.

I GIVE MY  
WILL AND  
MEMORY...

...AND  
EVERYTHING  
ABOUT YOU...



I PRAY  
FROM THE  
BOTTOM OF  
MY HEART  
THAT YOU  
ESCAPE YOUR  
SUFFERING  
SOON.

BYE,  
VICE.



.....





OH,  
RIGHT.  
IT'S  
YOUR  
FIRST  
TIME...

KODAIRA

...AT MY  
HOUSE!



*KARAKURIDÔJI*  
**ULTIMO**



# STAN LEE

As a kid, Stanley Martin Lieber spent a lot of time dreaming up wild adventures. By the time he got to high school, he was putting his imagination to work writing stories at Timely, a publishing company that went on to become the legendary Marvel Comics. Starting with the *Fantastic Four*, Lee and his partner Jack Kirby created just about every superhero you can think of, including *Spider-Man*, the *X-Men*, the *Hulk*, *Iron Man*, *Daredevil* and *Thor*. Along the way, he wrote under many pen names, but the one that stuck was Stan Lee.

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